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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance


Dear Sir:

In Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Examiner states that claims 1-9, 14, 53-55, 61-63, 88, and 90-92 "are allowed because none of the prior art references of record teaches" Applicants respectfully traverse this potentially limiting statement for several reasons. First, it is the combination of elements specifically as recited in each of the claims that determine the allowability over art. Selecting any one or two elements while ignoring the remainder could unfairly and improperly limit the scope of the invention claimed. Second, Examiner's statement of the limitations is not an exact recitation of the allowed language of each of the claims and therefore could improperly be used to characterize the claimed invention in a way not intended and explicitly written by Applicants and allowed by the PTO. Third, Examiner in paraphrasing language from claim 1 and associating that language with all of the allowed independent claims including claims 53, 54, 88, 90, 91, and 92 could unfairly and improperly limit the scope of those independent claims in a way not intended and explicitly written by Applicants and allowed by the PTO.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a restatement of reasons for allowance in the last sentence of the paragraph on page 3 of the Notice of Allowability, essentially as follows: "It is these limitations, in combination with the others that are found variously in the claimed combinations and are not taught, found, or suggested in the prior art of record, that are evidence of allowability over the prior art."

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